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Letter dated 22 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement by interested States in support of the Conference, delivered in the First Committee at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint statement by interested States in support of the Conference on Disarmament delivered in the First Committee at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if this letter and the attached joint statement could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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Joint Statement in Support of the Conference on Disarmament[1]

1. Recalling the Joint Statements delivered by the like-minded States in the First Committee at the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, we reaffirm our commitment to the resumption of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament without further delay.

2. We are confident that tangible progress in multilateral disarmament and in strengthening international regimes of arms control and non-proliferation can only be achieved within the framework of the existing multilateral disarmament mechanisms, in particular the Conference on Disarmament, taking into due account national security priorities of member States.

3. We believe that the Conference, as the single multilateral negotiating forum, with its fundamental principle of consensus and its membership, cannot be substituted by any other forum for the purpose of addressing the complex issues in its agenda.

4. We commend the efforts by all the 2014 Presidents of the Conference to reach consensus on a programme of work. At the same time, we are concerned about the lack of progress in this regard.

5. We welcome the re-establishment of the Informal Working Group with a mandate to produce a program of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation and commend the Informal Working Group's Co-Chair, Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador of Ecuador and Vice Co-Chair Mr. Peter Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia, for their efforts to find an acceptable solution.

6. We call on the States participating in the work of the Conference to demonstrate political will in order to reach an agreement on a balanced and comprehensive programme of work and resume its substantive work on the core issues of the agenda of the Conference on Disarmament – nuclear disarmament, a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, prevention of an arms race in outer space, effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons – in accordance with its mandate and its rules of procedure.

7. Pending the adoption of such a programme of work, structured and result-oriented discussions are to be encouraged in the Conference. In this regard we welcome the structured and substantive discussions held by the Conference throughout its 2014 session.

8. We call upon all States concerned to live up to their responsibilities and to exert every effort in order to overcome the long-lasting impasse at the Conference on Disarmament.

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[1] The following States associated with the joint statement: Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.